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## **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for placing a telephone call from a caller using a prepaid phone card, the method comprising the steps of:
  - connecting a caller with a caller interface having a speech recognition application;
  - receiving voice input from said caller in the form of a personal identification number (PIN) ~~phone card information~~ spoken by said caller;
  - converting said spoken personal identification number (PIN) into computer readable text;
  - comparing said converted computer readable text ~~voice input from said caller~~ with a personal identification number (PIN) assigned to said caller's phone card and ~~personalized prepaid phone card information~~ previously stored in a database; and
  - placing a requested telephone call if said converted computer readable text ~~voice input~~ from said caller matches said personal identification number (PIN) assigned to said caller's phone card ~~personalized prepaid phone card information~~ stored in said database.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 1, further comprising the step of retrieving a telephone number stored in said database if a voice input from said caller matches a telephone number identifier assigned to said telephone number.

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4. (Currently Amended) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 1, further comprising the step of voice prompting said caller to verbally provide said personal identification number (PIN) ~~voice input~~.

5. (Original) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 1, wherein said caller initially dials a telephone network access number to connect to said caller interface.

6. (Original) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 5, wherein said caller interface identifies said caller based on the origination of said initial telephone call.

7. (Original) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database is accessible by said caller via the internet for storing and modifying said personalized prepaid phone card information.

8. (Original) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 7, further comprising the step of providing said caller with an option to purchase additional prepaid time for said phone card via the internet.

9. (Original) A method for placing a telephone call as defined in Claim 7, further comprising the step of providing said caller with an option to store a personalized phonebook in said database via the internet, said phonebook containing a plurality of telephone numbers and associated telephone identifiers.

10. (Currently Amended) A telecommunication system for placing telephone calls from callers using a prepaid phone card, the system comprising:

a database for storing a caller's personal identification number (PIN) assigned to said caller's phone card ~~personalized prepaid phone card information~~; and

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a caller interface having a speech recognition application for receiving voice input from said caller in the form of a personal identification (PIN) number spoken by said caller, converting said spoken personal identification number (PIN) into computer readable text and comparing said converted computer readable text ~~voice input~~ with said personal identification number (PIN) assigned to said caller's phone card and ~~personalized prepaid phone card information~~ stored in said database, wherein said caller interface is further adapted to place a requested telephone call if said converted computer readable text ~~voice input~~ from said caller matches said personal identification number (PIN) assigned to said caller's phone card ~~personalized prepaid phone card information~~ stored in said database.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A telecommunication system as defined in Claim 10, wherein said database is adapted to store at least one telephone number and at least one telephone number identifier assigned to said at least one telephone number, and said caller interface speech recognition application is adapted to receive voice input from said caller in the form of a telephone number identifier spoken by said caller and is adapted to retrieve said at least one telephone number if said spoken telephone number identifier matches said telephone number identifier assigned to said at least one telephone number.

13. (Currently Amended) A telecommunication system as defined in Claim 10, wherein said caller interface speech recognition application is adapted to voice prompt said caller to verbally provide said personal identification number (PIN) voice input.

14. (Original) A telecommunication system as defined in Claim 10, wherein said database is accessible by said caller via the internet for storing and modifying said personalized prepaid phone card information.